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The present communication responds to the Final Action mailed July 14, 2003.

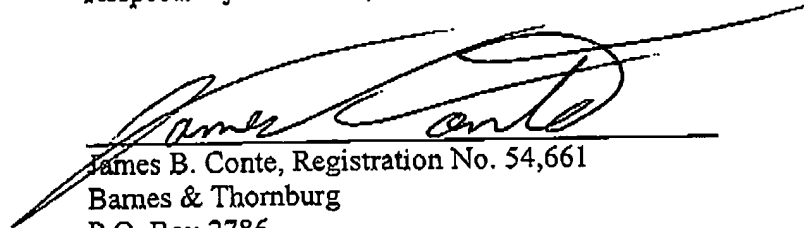
On October 10, 2003, Applicant, through its attorney, conducted a teleconference with the Examiner. Applicant, in the conference raised points which it believes demonstrates the allowability of rejected claims 16 and 18. The points raised are set forth herein with more elaboration.

The Action to reject claims 16 and 18 states Copp shows "a main section bar 23, Figure 2, of elongated confirmation and provided with a longitudinal seat (the slot which part 26 goes into), a continuous support element (26) extending substantially over an entire longitudinal development of the main section bar and presenting a preset number of attachment seats (24)." Applicant disagrees that Copp shows what is stated. Copp's Element 26, Figure 1 (copy enclosed) with Applicant's comments, is not as long as the main section bar. Therefore, Applicant's claims 16 and 18, which recite "a continuous support element of elongated confirmation extending substantially over an entire longitudinal development of the main section bar 2" are allowable.

Additionally, claim 18 is allowable over Copp because claim 18 recites a plurality of attachment seats (11) delimited at least in one side of the continuous support element 7. Copp only shows a single attachment seat (24) on its one side. Thus claim 18 is allowable for this additional reason.

Applicant did not earlier make the arguments concerning Copp because Copp was newly cited in the Final Action. Therefore, these comments should be considered after final. The Final Action should be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance should issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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